been entrusted to the State Governments and UT Administrations. Besides administrative instructions are also issued from time to time to launch special drives to detect the Pakistani nationals staying illegally in the country for their immediate deportation. As a result of the sustained efforts put in this regard 13 Pak nationals were deported from the state of Andhra Pradesh in the year 2000 and 1 in 2002.

Steps for speedy prosecution under POTA

144. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of arrests made under POTA so far;

(b) how many of those arrested have been prosecuted for; and

(c) the steps taken for speedy prosecution under POTA?

THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) to (c) Since law and order is a State subject, the implementation of the provisions of the POTA, 2002 is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/UT Administrations. The information regarding number of persons arrested under the POTA, 2002 throughout the country is not centrally maintained in this Ministry.

Infiltration of militants

145. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether infiltration of militants, mostly of foreign origin, continues unabated;

(b) if so, whether Government have any information that Pakistan has not taken any steps to dismantle the infrastructure supporting terrorism on its territory;

(c) whether there was any increase in the number of terrorist strikes in 2002 as compared to 2001; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) and (b) According to available information,